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VENEREAL DISEASES
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AG 726.1/OCZ C/S-2

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease Control.

TO : All Concerned.

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2 January 1945

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Asst. Asst.	
Chief Clerk	

1. MTOUSA rates for venereal disease are far too high. This theater has the poorest record for the control of venereal disease of all United States commands, at home and overseas. The attached rate tables for the month of October indicate a deplorable condition. The venereal rates among both white and colored, troops in Peninsular Base Section units, in the Air Forces and in the Replacement Command are particularly unsatisfactory.

2. Correction of this condition demands a better troop leadership. Unit commanders are responsible for the health of their troops and must take steps to see that War Department and theater policies on venereal disease control are enforced. They must, through leadership and appropriate use of their staffs, improve the standards of discipline and increase individual cooperation in venereal disease control measures.

3. Venereal rates at least as low as 30 per thousand per annum for white personnel and 60 per thousand per annum for colored personnel can and must be attained. Unit and organizational commanders will take aggressive action to have their commands reduce their present rates to this level. Good measure of the efficiency of each commander will be his success or failure in attaining the desired low rate.

By command of Lieutenant General McWATNEY:

C. W. CHRISTENSEN
C. W. CHRISTENSEN,
Colonel, AGI,
Acting Adjutant General.

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Incl 1 - Monthly rpt of VD in
MTO for period ending
27 October 1944 (WHITE).
Incl 2 - Monthly rpt of VD in
MTO for period ending
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UNITED STATES ARMY
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28 December 1944

Monthly Report of Venereal Disease in Organizations of
Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U. S. Army for
the 4-week period ending 27 October 1944

WHITE

	STRENGTH	SYPHILIS	GONORRHEA	CHLAMYDIA	LYMPHO-VENEREUM	GRANULOMA L-GUINAE	TOTAL CASES	RATES	DAYS LOST FROM DUTY
ABS	293	0	2	0	0	0	2	37.7	0
ERS	389	0	2	0	0	0	2	66.8	2
MBS	9616	3	27	3	0	0	33	44.6	36
FBS	65384	51	299	110	0	0	460	91.5	1820
WOBBS	3449	1	6	1	0	0	8	30.1	33
Delta Base	13782	14	67	14	0	0	95	89.6	377
Con Base	13700	2	60	6	0	0	58	55.0	106
5th Army	120286	29	289	73	0	0	391	41.6	1934
7th Army	104971	104	281	104	0	0	489	60.6	2302
Air Force	157340	64	672	118	2	1	1057	87.3	2693
AFHQ	5693	0	27	2	0	0	29	66.1	46
Repl Command	40577	46	519	113	0	1	679	217.5	1490
Mine	25502	19	179	34	0	0	232	116.3	542
TOTAL	561481	333	2620	678	2	2	3635	81.8	11360

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	STRENGTH	SYPHILIS	GONORRHEA	CHLOROID	LYMHO-VEENEREUM	ECZEMA INGUINALE	TOTAL CASES	RATES	DAYS LOST FROM DUTY
MBS	3500	10	26	12	2	0	50	185.7	144
PBS	17400	77	192	116	1	1	387	289.1	2348
MCBS	2357	3	6	1	0	0	10	55.1	91
Delta Base	10527	21	143	41	0	0	205	253.2	843
Con Base	4438	18	25	23	1	0	67	196.2	364
5th Army	15789	17	37	15	0	0	69	56.8	464
7th Army	3072	10	17	15	0	0	42	177.7	255
Air Force	17708	50	253	88	0	0	391	287.9	1390
AFHQ	197	2	3	2	0	0	7	461.9	16
Repl Command	1523	37	105	57	0	0	202	1724.2	513
TOTAL	75511	245	810	370	4	1	1430	243.0	6528
Combined White and Colored									
TOTAL WHITE	591401	333	2620	578	2	2	3535	61.8	11380
TOTAL COLORED	75511	245	810	370	4	1	1430	243.0	6528
TOTAL	637902	578	3430	948	6	3	4965	101.2	17908

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

AG 726.1/352 A-0

12 September 1944

SUBJECT: Control of Venereal

TO : All Concerned.

Adjutant	APD 57A
Asst Asst	
Discharge	
Asst Asst	
Chief Clerk	

1. Responsibility for Control and Prevention of Venereal Disease: The control and prevention of venereal disease is the responsibility of the commander of each echelon as well as the responsibility of the individual who has exposed himself to the risk of infection. In discharging this responsibility each commander must take full advantage of every facility at his disposal, whether military or civilian, and must coordinate the activities of the appropriate staff officers of his command to effect accomplishment of the desired result. The following suggestions for appropriate officers are furnished for guidance and vigorous accomplishment by all echelons.

2. Special Service Officer: a. Clean, active, sound minds and bodies of the members of a command are of primary importance in the endeavor to control venereal disease. Outdoor exercise should be encouraged at all times and facilities and equipment provided therefor. Particular stress should be placed on competitive intramural athletics such as boxing, baseball, softball, volleyball, track and swimming to engender a spirit of friendly competition and team play.

b. Stress should be placed on providing interests or facilities to fill leisure or "off duty" hours. Day rooms should be designed as places of relaxation. Size and location must of necessity vary with the strength and location of the unit but every effort must be made to make them pleasant, habitable, well lighted and ventilated. They should be stocked with chairs, tables, writing materials, books, radios, and games. Day rooms can be established and dismantled quickly and require a minimum of supervision. They should be established and maintained by all units down to the lowest echelon.

c. Full advantage should be taken of entertainment and recreational facilities furnished within the theater. Sports, entertainment, motion pictures, sightseeing and the facilities and opportunities offered by the American Red Cross should be publicized and made available to as large a proportion of the command as is consistent with available facilities and performance of military duties.

3. Morale Services Officer: The planning of orientation programs and the dissemination of guidance and materials toward their realization is the responsibility of the Morale Services Officer. The proper maintenance of morale is a responsibility of command. Commanding officers should make full use of the facilities provided by the Morale Services Officer for programs which will enable military personnel to acquire and maintain greater understanding and appreciation of their part in the war effort. Group discussions, lectures, use of orientation

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Films and other orientation activities may well be scheduled in off duty time, as well as in the duty time allotted, to gain full benefit from hours which might otherwise be lost to a majority of the command or might be devoted to undesirable activity. The wide educational opportunities, available to all military personnel through the United States Armed Forces Institute, should be stressed for maximum participation.

4. Chaplain: Information concerning religious services and programs should be widely disseminated and personnel encouraged to attend. The unit commander should make full use of the Chaplain's advice and aid in handling individual cases which do not respond to "group treatment". The Chaplain's civilian contacts should be utilized freely as a means of introduction into the homes of the local inhabitants to provide wholesome contacts for military personnel.

5. Provest Marshal: Close cooperation with the civilian authorities is necessary in any effort to control venereal disease. The Military Police should be informed of the existence of houses of prostitution by reports on sources of infection made to them through Medical channels. Establishments determined to be houses of prostitution may be placed "off limits" at the discretion of the local commander concerned. Roaming patrols should be used wherever necessary to keep prostitutes away from camp sites.

6. Surgeon: a. Prophylactic Stations should be established both in unit and metropolitan areas in locations permitting the maximum accessibility. These stations will be under the control and supervision of the Surgeon of the command, operated by enlisted men specially trained for these duties and available at all times to all military personnel desiring prophylactic treatment. These stations will be clearly marked, well lighted and special attention will be given to cleanliness and the availability at all times of hot running water. Reference letter, this headquarters, AG 726,1 SURG-O, subject: "Venereal Disease Control", dated 12 July 1944.

b. Schools under the supervision of the Surgeon should be established to insure that adequately trained attendants are available for operating prophylactic stations. The course should consist of lectures on anatomy and physiology of the genitalia, talks on Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Chancroid (means of transmission, identification and effects), preparation of the chemicals used in prophylaxis, technique of administering prophylaxis, and a seminar in which frank and open discussions take place between the students and the Venereal Disease Control Officer. Reference paragraph 4 b(8), Circular letter Number 33, Office of the Surgeon, this headquarters, ca.

c. Individual prophylactic supplies will be distributed freely to all individuals desiring them. The attention of all commanders is directed to Section IV, Circular 12, this headquarters, ca, as amended by Section III, Circular 31, this headquarters, ca. All individuals of the command should be instructed in the advantage of the use of the mechanical prophylaxis or condom when followed by a properly administered prophylaxis.

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7. The Individual: a. The responsibility for the control of venereal disease is also that of the individual. Once he has exposed himself to the risk of infection he must employ as a measure of protection such prophylactic materials and facilities as are available. If he has reason to believe that he has contracted a venereal disease he must report that fact to his commanding officer immediately so that he may obtain proper medical attention.

b. Venereal disease will be controlled only when both the individual and the unit commander assume and implement their full responsibilities in this respect.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

R. H. Christie

R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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HQ ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO No. 794, US Army

Ref: AG 726.1

Subject: - Prevention of Venereal Disease

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18 Aug 44

1. The film "Sex Hygiene" will be shown at the ENSA Super Cinema from Monday 21st to Saturday 26th August inclusive.
2. Two performances daily will be given at 0930 hrs and 1100 hrs. The first performance will be reserved for American troops and the second for British troops.
3. A medical officer will be in attendance at each performance and will answer any questions on the subject that members of the audience may wish to put.
4. In view of the serious nature and the urgency of this matter, the Commanding General wishes that officers Commanding all units will make every endeavour to ensure that all ranks under their command attend one of the performances.
5. Personnel of units will proceed to and from the cinema in organised parties and the officer/MCO i/o each party will report to the box office the name of his unit and the number of officers and EM/OR in the party.
6. Troops on leave in ROME will be encouraged to attend the applicable performance, but rest camps will not send organised parties. They should, however, give this matter the widest possible publicity.
7. These performances are strictly reserved for male members of the forces, and no member of the Women's Services will be admitted.
8. Provost will arrange parking facilities and the necessary military police.
9. O i/o ENSA RAAC will arrange for the cinema to be available and for any publicity which may be possible outside the cinema.

By command of Brigadier-General BROWN,

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Captain AGO
Adjutant 3338

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APO No. 794, US Army

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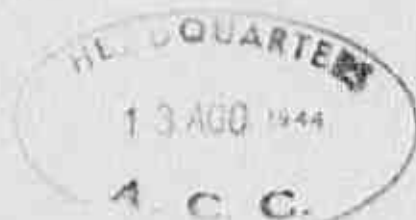
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12th Aug 44

Subject:- Venereal Disease

To: Distribution "B" (British)

1. I am very concerned about the incidence in Venereal Disease contracted in Rome; not only is the loss of manpower serious, but a high incidence of preventable disease indicates laxity in discipline and education. The VD rate is so high as to be alarming, and we must not live in a fool's paradise.
2. All Officers must therefore co-operate in remedying the present unsatisfactory position by every possible means. You will please ensure that all ranks of the Unit under your Command are made fully aware of the dangers of promiscuous intercourse and of all the means and facilities available for minimizing such dangers, if intercourse does occur.
3. A false sense of security may have arisen through the apparent prosperity and cleanliness of Rome, but the fact is that prostitution is now on a larger and wider scale than ever before, and there is virtually no longer any control over the women plying this trade.
4. To help in preventing infection, Prophylactic Ablution Centres or Pro Stations have been established throughout the City, and Troops must be advised that they should invariably visit one of these after intercourse with a woman. List of Pro Stations is attached. Condoms should be made easily available to all ranks leaving camp.
5. There is not sufficient Medical personnel available to give the statutory lectures on the subject and in any case I do not consider that a lecture from a Medical Officer on the subject of Venereal Disease will carry any more conviction than a lecture by a Non-Medical Officer who takes the trouble to master the facts of his subject, and has the confidence of his men.
6. Personal and unremitting attention must be given to a problem which is already serious and is rapidly becoming more so.



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ALBAN LOW
Brigadier
333 Reg. IV.

Commander British Troops Rome

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PROPHYLACTIC STATIONS

AMERICAN

1. Villa Umberto (near Porto Pinciana)
2. 22 via Gelatiana
3. 83 via del Poratto
4. 43 via Cimarra
6. Piazza del porta San Giovanni
6. Via del Mancino
7. Via del Quirinale
8. 19 via Quodrigas
9. Piazza San Ilvestro
10. piazza piazzina 10

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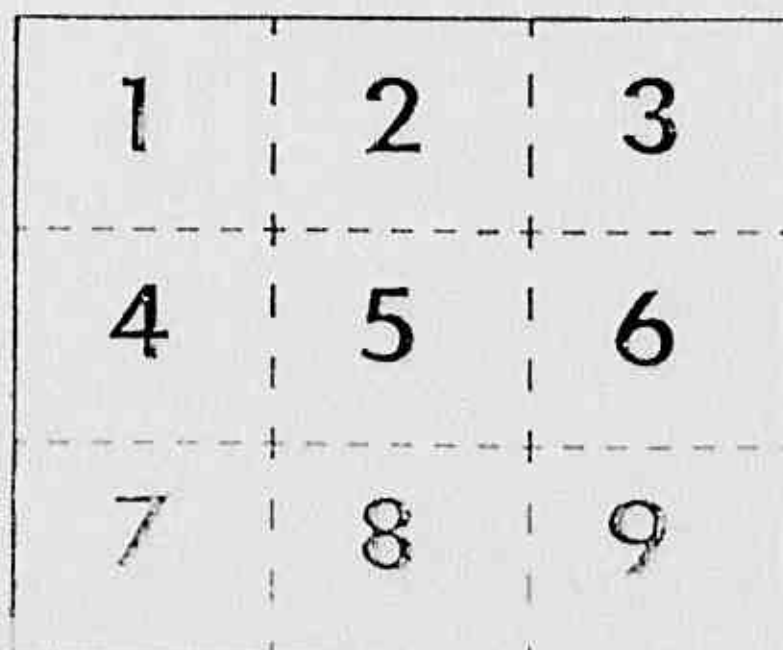
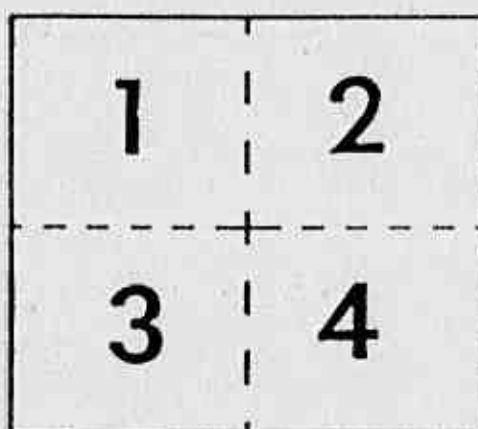
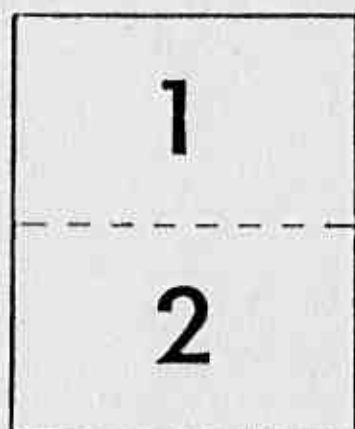
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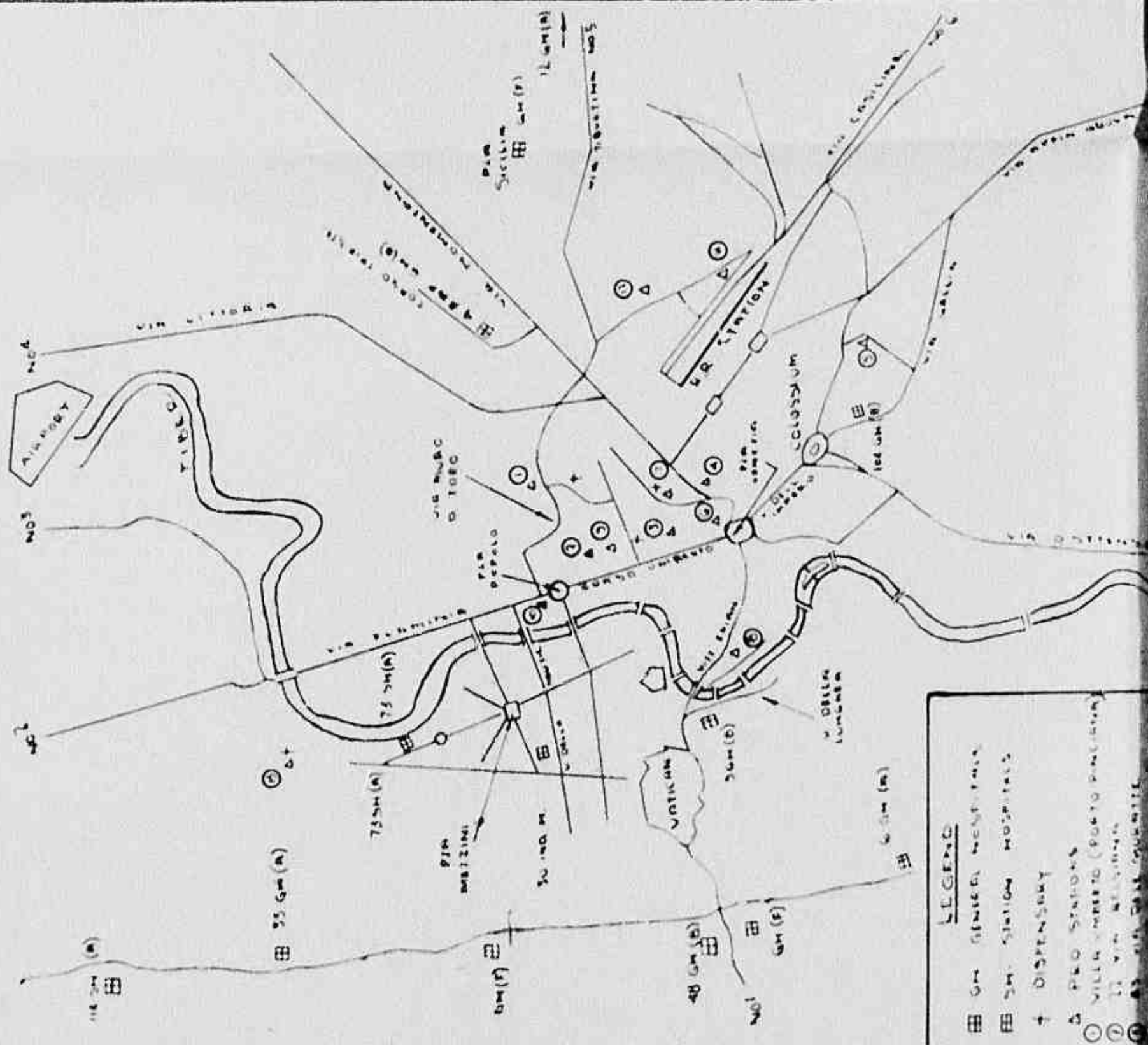
OTHERS

1. Albergo Excelsior (Officers)
2. Fort Casolini
3. 36 via Emilia

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394.

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Adjutant	Asst. Asst. <i>M.P.</i>	Asst. Asst.	Chief Clerk
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Ref/234/120/CA.

27 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Diseases.

TO : R.C.'s Regions IV, V, VIII & IX.
R.C. Rome Region.
SCAO's Fifth & Eighth Armies.

1. The Italian Government has recently issued instructions to all Prefects in Italian Government Territory regarding the enforcement of existing regulations concerning the medical examination of prostitutes.
2. In order to place the regulations in Military Government Territory on a similar basis you are requested to instruct Prefects, under your control, to enforce these regulations. Appendices "A" and "B" give respectively the English and Italian versions of these regulations.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section.
R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, VI, & VII (for info)

Incl
Appendices "A" and "B".

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Appendix A

English version of Regulations issued by
Italian Government.

- (a) It is obligatory for the visiting physicians to make a daily examination of all prostitutes living in licensed houses.
- (b) Prostitutes who are found to be affected by manifestations of the diseases mentioned in Art. 291 of the aforesaid T.U. of the Sanitary Laws, e.g. Gonorrhea, soft ulcer, and syphilis must be removed immediately from the licensed houses and sent for treatment to a VD Clinic where in-patient treatment can be given.
- (c) Women who carry on their trade outside licensed houses must be furnished with appropriate tickets, instructing them to report every two days to the Director of the VD Clinic in accordance with Article 20 of the regulation referred to previously. If they are found to be infected with the contagious symptoms referred to in para (b) they will be instructed to attend the clinic for treatment.
- (d) Visiting physicians and directors of VD clinics will complete for every woman attending for treatment, a special form which must be sent to the Public Safety Authorities.
- (e) In suspected or doubtful cases, the above-named physicians must in addition provide treatment for the women at the appropriate treatment centres, where they will be detained for observation until the diagnosis has been confirmed.
- (f) The infected women will be discharged from the VD Clinics on the responsibility of the director only when he has demonstrated that all contagious symptoms have disappeared.
- The director of the clinic will prepare a statement of clinical cure and a description of the symptoms and will note on the women's sanitary booklet the length of stay in the clinic, the results of laboratory tests, the methods of treatment employed and what further treatment is advised.

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(g) The duty of repressing clandestine prostitution is entrusted to the seal of the Public Security Officials. Vagrant prostitutes who do not possess the proper tickets will immediately be taken to a VD clinic where they will be placed under observation, and will be detained as suspects, in conformity with the Ministerial Circular No 5/922/San of 27/3/44. Should they prove to be non-infective, they will be handed over to Public Safety for appropriate action.

(h) During the state of emergency and in accordance with the existing circumstances infected persons are not permitted to be treated in private, vide Art. 18 of R.D. No 846 of 25/3/23.

(i) It is obligatory for visiting physicians and directors of clinics to make a microscopic examination of the vaginal secretion of every prostitute the first time she enters a house of prostitution and the first time she visits a clinic. In addition they must make serological tests if these have not been done in the first place or have not been performed over a period of three months.

(j) Syphilitics without contagious symptoms, but with strong positive blood reactions (+++) must be considered infective and in consequence sent to VD clinics for treatment.

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ITALIAN VERSION OF REGULATIONS ISSUED BYITALIAN GOVERNMENT

- (a) E' fatto obbligo ai Medici Visitatori di procedere ad un'accurata visita giornaliera a tutte le prostitute, occorrente nelle case di meretricio autorizzate.
- (b) Le prostitute, riscontrate affette da manifestazioni non-giose delle malattie indicate nell'art. 291 del citato T.U. della Legge Sanitaria e cioè blenorragia, ulcera venerea, sifilide, devono essere immediatamente allontanate dal locale di meretricio ed inviate, per il ricovero, ad una sala celtica che presenti la disponibilità della degenza.
- (c) Le donne che esercitano il meretricio fuori dei locali autorizzati dovranno essere munite di apposita tessera, in conformità di quanto disposto dall'art. 20 del regolamento sopra ricordato e sottoposto, regolarmente ogni due giorni, ad accurata visita di controllo da parte dei direttori dei dispensari celtici. Se esse verranno riscontrate affette da manifestazioni contagiose di cui al № 2 verranno inviate per la cura alla sala celtica.
- (d) I Medici Visitatori, Direttori dei dispensari celtici, rilasceranno per ogni donna da ricoverare il foglio di specializzazione che invieranno per l'adempimento all'Autorità di P.S.
- (e) Nei casi sospetti o dubbi, i sanitari in carica provvederanno ugualmente al ricovero delle donne negli appositi istituti di cura, ove verranno trattate in osservazione fino all'ascertamento della diagnosi.
- (f) Le ammalate verranno dimesse dalla sala celtica sotto la diretta responsabilità dei direttori dopo che sia stata constatata la scomparsa di ogni manifestazione contagiosa. Il direttore della sala celtica rilascerà una dichiarazione attestante l'avvenuta guarigione clinica e la scomparsa dello manifestazione contagiosa e provvederà ad inviare nel suo libretto sanitario il periodo di degenza. Gli esami di laboratorio esecuti, la cura praticata e quella da continuare a praticare.

Se 2 verranno inviate per la cura alla sala celtica.

(d) I Medici Visitatori, Direttori dei dispensari celtici, redigeranno per ogni donna da ricoverare il foglio di ospedalizzazione che invieranno per l'adempimento all'Autorità di P.S.

(e) Nei casi sospetti o dubbi, i sanitari in parola provvederanno ugualmente al ricovero delle donne negli appositi istituti di cura, ove verranno trattate in osservazione fino all'accertamento della diagnosi.

(f) Le sommate verranno dimesse dalla sala celtica sotto la diretta responsabilità dei direttori dopo che sia stata constatata la scomparsa di ogni manifestazione contagiosa.

Il direttore della sala celtica rilascerà una dichiarazione attestante l'avvenuta guarigione clinica e la scomparsa dello manifestato. L'avvenuta guarigione clinica e la scomparsa del sintomo unitamente alla constatazione e provvidenza ad annotare sul suo libretto sanitario il periodo di degenza, gli esami di laboratorio espletati, la cura praticata e quelle da continuare a praticare.

(g) E' affidato allo zelo degli organi della Pubblica Sicurezza il compito della repressione del meretricio clandestino. Le meretricie vaganti, non munite di tessera sanitaria saranno costitutamente inviate alla sala celtica, reparto osservazione, ove verranno trattate come sospette, secondo quanto disposto dalla circolare ministeriale n. 5/922/San. del 27/3/44.

Quando risultino sane, saranno riconosciute alla Pubblica Sicurezza per i provvedimenti di competenza.

(h) Durante l'attuale stato di emergenza e per le contingenti necessità non dovrà consentirsi alle ammalate veneree, di provvedere direttamente alla propria cura come previsto dall'art. 18 del citato regolamento.

(i) E' fatto obbligo ai medici visitatori ed ai direttori dei dispensari di procedere all'esame microscopico del segreto vaginale di ogni prostituta all'atto della sua assunzione presso la casa di meretricio o alla prima visita presso il dispensario. Essi dovranno inoltre procedere agli accertamenti sierologici, quando questi non siano stati mai praticati o risultano esposti in data anteriore ai tre mesi.

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(J) Le luetiche, senza manifestazione contagiosa in atto, ma con sierodiagnosi fortemente positiva (---) dovranno essere ritenute come infette e pertanto inviate in sala coltura per la cura.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

13 May 1944.

AG 726.1 BPMED (13 May 44)

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SUBJECT: Prophylactic Station Quarters, Pompei.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
Salerno, APO 394.

1. Two (2) rooms of the premises, located at Number 35 Via Roma,
Pompei, are required by this Command for use as a Prophylactic Station
site.

2. Request A.C.C. obtain these premises for that purpose as soon
as possible.

For the Commanding General:

L. C. SUTTON, JR.,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Ass't Adj. General

Adj: 726.1 BPMED 1st Ind.
HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 16 May 1944.

AS/mrh

To: Regional Commissioner, Region III, ACC

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

By command of Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

ANTHONY SCARLANO,
2d Lt, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/234/43/CA.

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, & IX.
SCAO AMG 8 Army.
SCAO AMG 5 Army.

1. Further to this H.Q. letter 234/13/CA. of 8 Mar 44.
2. With reference to para. 4 of the above quoted letter, it should be noted that so far as Italian agencies are concerned, the primary responsibility for the enforcement of such laws rests upon the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza, and not upon the Carabinieri.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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5. Provided a concerted drive is made by the Allied Military and Italian Police, by the Allied Courts and Italian Tribunals, and provided that Regional Commissioners instill into their provincial staffs the menace to the Allied Forces which the spread of venereal disease is now causing, and provided that Regional administrative staffs see that the law is applied, much can be done to reduce the incidence of disease and assist the Allied troops. Every effort will be made by Regional Commissioners to see that the medical staff, both Allied and Italian, fulfill their duties with regard to the inspection and control of prostitutes.
6. Regional Commissioners will be asked from time to time to go beyond the law and to take extraordinary steps such as the internment of clandestine prostitutes, etc., but provided the law is strictly administered there should be no need to go beyond it.
7. It is of paramount importance that Regional Commissioners should do their utmost to assist the Allied troops in this matter.

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MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Public Health Sub-Commission

07/023/PR

4 January 1944

SUBJECT: - Venereal Disease

TO : - R.C.A.D., Region I
R.C.A.D., Region II

1. Attached report reference 06/01/1 of 6 December 1943 on the incidence of Venereal Disease is forwarded.

2. Please comply with paragraph 4 of this report and advise this Office by 31 January 1944 of action taken.

By order of Colonel SHERWOOD

G. S. PARKER, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

24/01/44

2. Enclosure
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Dr. S. F. Winkler, Director
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Ref: - H.6.2.11.

SUBJECT: - General IX - 1944

Mr - C.A.O.,
A.F.H.Q.

PART I - REPORT

1. The increase in the V.A. rate is now alarming; there has been a steady rise since the occupation of Sicily and Italy.
2. This is due to: -
 - (a) The presence and availability of large numbers of captured arms in hospitals and on the streets.
 - (b) The abundance of arms.
 - (c) Increased welfare facilities.
 - (d) Absence of life in quarters.

ALLIED FORCE V.A. R.

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1. 1st Div.
 2. 2nd Div.
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 4. 4th Div.
 5. 5th Div.
 6. 6th Div.
 7. 7th Div.
 8. 8th Div.
 9. 9th Div.
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TOTAL

NOTE: - These rates are based on incomplete returns.

Formation

1. 1st Army
 2. 2nd Army
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 8. 8th Army
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 10. 10th Army

V.A. Rate/1000/annum.

10.13
 11.76
 12.08
 13.09
 14.22
 15.79
 16.57
 17.79
 19.05
 20.10

TOTAL

ALLIED FORCE V.A. R.

V.A. Rate/1000/annum

24.0
 108.9

4.4. Interpolations

partially.

Notes: $\rightarrow$ These rates are based on individual earnings.

1st Army	21.0
1st Corps	108.9
2nd District Total	104.2
2nd District Area	155.9
Total Italy	51.2

1 District	12.7
North Africa	28.2
	<u>40.9</u>
TOTAL 1962	43.7

NOTE. - These figures are not in any sense comparable owing to the presence of many factors which are not common to both years. 3328

PART II - (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. The attention of Commanding Generals of Formations again be drawn to the present serious menace of V.D.
2. The services of Brigadier A. L. S., Consulting Quartermaster S.D., who is now available, be accepted to work in conjunction with the authors in Veterinary S.D.S.D. and Chief Medical Officer, S.D.
3. That the present campaign against V.D. be intensified, i.e. talks by Commanding Officers, addressed by S.D.S., from messengers and discussions by Ch. H. line be carried out to a city.
4. A.D.4. be requested to organize and undertake treatment for all cases to whom V.D. is attributable, including police supervision and compulsory segregation.
5. Drinking hours to be restricted.
6. Streets to be placed off limits.
7. American Red Cross and Indian activities to be supervised and assisted in every possible way. This includes a reduced subscription and recreation, coffee hours and canteens staffed by military ladies. It is suggested to a very static unit is held responsible for its own organization.
8. Static units and formations to organize separate remedial treatment Centres. One of 27000 recent treatments in India only 11 cases contracted V.D.
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(Sgt) (S.D.S.D.S.D.)

Major-General

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7. Certain Red Cross and civilian activities to be tolerated and restricted in every possible way. This includes a limited attendance at reception, coffee hour and other activities by military forces. It is suggested that every station unit is to be responsible for its own protection.

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(over) (S. L. GORDON)
Major-General,
Warren, D.D.S., A.F.H.Q.

6 Dec. 43.
S.L.G.

Approved and No.
11 January 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
AEG 512

AMG/740./AD.

30 December 1944

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

TO : RCAC, Region I
RCAC, Region II

1. Following A.G. 114, cablegram is repeated for your information:

"Report of Director of Public Health, 15th Army Group AMG, on Venereal Diseases, dated 5 December 1943, together with data now in hands of surgeon, indicate extreme urgency of effective measures of control. After consultation with IAMS, urge immediate action by AMG implementing suggestions in paragraphs 4, 7, and 8 with early report to this Headquarters on action taken. AMG should initiate similar action in areas now under control."

Copies of report referred to are attached for your information.

2. The following measures should be initiated without delay:

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- Re-establish, improve, and open new venereal disease treatment centers where these are needed.
- Make readily available necessary drugs and supplies to treatment centers and private physicians treating venereal diseases.
- Initiate publicity campaign to advise public of the availability of free medical treatment for venereal disease stating location and hour of operation of treatment centers. All channels of public information should be used including posters, newspapers, and radio.
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SUBJECT: Veneral Disease.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

AG/511/17.
21. Dec. 43.

TO: Military Government Section,
A.F.H.Q.

With reference to your Cable Message 13492 of 13. Dec. 43, the following preliminary report of action so far taken by this H.Q. is submitted for your information.

2. The Director of Public Health, AM. 15 Army Group, revisited Naples on 17/20 Dec. and called a conference representative of all military authorities in 5 Army Area. Names and appointments of officers attending are given in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Previous to the meeting Col. Cheyne had an opportunity of discussing the problem of Venereal Diseases in the Armies with Brigadier R. Lees, Consulting Venereologist M.E. and Col. T. Young, D.D.H., A.F.H.Q., who were on a short visit to Naples. The general plan of treatment considered suitable for the civil population was reviewed and a rough estimate of quantity of drugs required was made. It is requested that Brig. Lees or Lt. Col. Campbell, Advisor on Venereology A.F.H.Q., should forward to the Director of Public Health 15 Army Group AM, complete instructions for the short course of treatment recommended so that this can be circularised throughout the civil hospitals and clinics in order that a standard treatment is used throughout the controlled territories. The time at the disposal of Brig. Lees was very short and it is hoped that further opportunities for conferences between him and the Director of Public Health may arise.

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6. The Conference/....

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6. The conference then took up the question of soliciting - pimps - houses bounds, from the police and legal points of view with special reference to Naples. The meeting was asked, however, not to think only about Naples, but to appreciate that the same problems existed in every city, town and even villages to a greater or lesser extent. The police and legal representatives both asked that pimps be tried in Allied Military Courts instead of in Italian Courts. The possibility of 'Vice' Courts was discussed. Legal said orders on the following subjects were under review :

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- (b) The licensing of Prostitutes and making them liable to medical examination and treatment.
- (c) Unauthorized "Houses".
- (d) Prohibiting soliciting.
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11. Col. Cheyne will request the services of Major Lewis, U.S.M.C. from AOC/AMG. This officer is experienced in V.D. Control in civil populations in U.S.A. and if AOC agree to his release he will be employed in 15 Army Group and in Naples as a consultant.

D. GORDON CHEYNE
COLONEL D.P.M.

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
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5th December 1943

1. At a recent conference on Venereal Diseases in the Armies held at WAREM and attended by the D.E.H., A.F.H.Q. - the advisor on V.D., A.F.H.Q., A.D.H., Adv. Adm. Echelon A.F.H.Q., and the Director of Public Health A.M.G., 15 Army Group, the possibility of further cooperation between the Armies and A.M.G. was discussed.

2. The problem of V.D. in Naples and other large cities is becoming a very serious one and unless checked by every means possible is likely to increase. The present ratio per 1000 calculated on recent weekly figures is alarming.

3. While it will be essentially the concern of the Army to take every action possible in the way of discipline, education, inspection of men, establishment of P.A.C. and Prophylactic Centres, control of the treatment in forward areas, propaganda of various sorts, there are certain important features in an anti-venereal campaign which are essentially matters for the civil authorities and so A.M.G.

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Life station and the leues position is important with the arrival of typhus.

7. During my visit I saw many cases of soldiers having bottles of wine thrust into their hands in broad daylight by these rumples or their agents. It is felt that the "rule" or the "gift" of wine in bottles on the streets or even in shops might well be prohibited.

8. The question of control of cases of V.D. in the civil population require investigation by the Public Health Division of A.M.C., with special regard to the early re-establishment of V.D. clinics as necessary. I should like a report on this in a month's time. So far as is known there is no scarcity of suitable drugs for the treatment of these diseases.

9. It will be appreciated if these points can receive your consideration and cooperation to effect the desired improvement.

E. GORDON CHAMBER,
Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

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5 August 1943

SUBJECT: Venereal Prophylaxis.

TO : All Concerned.

1. It has come to the attention of this headquarters that certain unit commanders are still requiring men to take venereal prophylactic units when going on pass. Change No. 3, AR 40-210, dated 1 May 1943 makes the following change in the regulations governing this subject under "Responsibility of Commanding Officer":

"While insuring ready availability of venereal prophylactic units to prevent disease in accordance with the foregoing, no authority is contained herein for forced issue of units to individuals who do not wish to draw or buy them."

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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